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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.191, applicants appeal the Examiner's final rejection to the claims set forth in the Office Action issued on February 7, 2001 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the Office Action was due on May 7, 2001. Applicants are concurrently filing an Amendment in Response to February 7, 2001 Final Office Action and Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time. Accordingly, the application is pending as of July 9, 2001 for the purpose of filing this Notice of Appeal. A check in the amount of \$155.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for filing a Notice of Appeal.

No fee, other than the \$155.00 Notice of Appeal fee, is deemed necessary in connection with this Notice of Appeal. If any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 01-1785.

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